## Abstract

## METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR IMAGE METADATA ENTRY

5        An intuitive graphical user interface (100) for classifying and searching on a plurality of digital images is disclosed.  Multiple simultaneous metadata associations and compound searches may be performed, using disclosed methods.  Such operations may be performed using simple user actions, which will be familiar to inexperienced or casual computer users who typically want to perform such operations on digital images without a

10      commitment to learning new software or operating paradigms. Metadata is associated with digital images by selecting iconic or thumbnail representations of the images (e.g., 107) and dragging the iconic or thumbnail representations to a destination point to either create a new association for a collection of images or to associate a pre-existing metadata item with the images.